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MEETINGS OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT
MILITARY COMMITTEE

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1. FONMIN OREJA HAS ASKED ME TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY
WHETHER IT MIGHT BE CONVENIENT FOR THE SECRETARY TO HOLD
THE NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL ON
OCTOBER 3, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK. OREJA WILL
BE ADDRESSING THE UNGA AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND, FOLLO-
WING HIS VISIT TO THE US, WILL BE VISITING MEXICO.

2. THE LAST MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL AT MINIS-
TERIAL LEVEL WAS HELD IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1977.
THE COUNCIL DID MEET AGAIN, AT THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES, IN MADRID ON APRIL 10.

3. AS FORECAST IN MADRID 4266 (DTG 201825Z APR 78), WE
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WOULD EXPECT SENIOR SPANISH DEFENSE MINISTRY REPRESENTA-
TION AT THIS NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN ADDITION TO
PARTICIPATION BY THE SPANISH CJCS.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (MIGUEL ALDASORO SANDBERG), WHO
IS SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,

HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SCHEDULING THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME DURING SEPTEMBER TO FORMULATE A PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL. HE HAS NOT YET MET ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ. THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON IN JANUARY.

5. THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE LAST MET IN MADRID ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1977. BY THE TIME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING SPAIN WILL ALSO HAVE A NEW CJCS. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE HERE IN MADRID OR IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. THIS MEETING WOULD HAVE BEFORE IT PRINCIPALLY THE QUESTION OF FURTHER WORK OF THE COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF, A MATTER WHICH REMAINS UNRESOLVED, AND SEPARATE ISSUES RELATING TO US FORCES IN SPAIN.

6. WHILE WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REACTION ON ALL THESE POINTS, I WOULD HOPE IN PARTICULAR TO BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO OREJA VERY SOON ON THE OCTOBER 3 DATE, SINCE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO SATISFY HIS REQUEST FOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL THIS SPRING. EATON

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